

REMARKS

Applicants requests reconsideration of this application in view of the present Amendment.

A. Claims 1-3

Claim 1 is amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). As amended, claim 1 recites an horizontally elongated oblong base with a horizontal, longitudinal central axis that is perpendicular to the vertical, longitudinal axis of the lamp structure. Neither Lin nor Blackerby disclose an oblong base. Lin discloses a circular base, which cannot make an oblong base obvious because, by definition, a circle is not elongated in any direction. Because Lin and Blackerby do not disclose or make obvious all the elements of claim 1, the combination of Lin and Blackerby cannot make claim 1 obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 2 and 3 depend from claim 1, and recite limitations that distinguish the invention further from the disclosures of Lin and Blackerby. Therefore, claims 2 and 3 are similarly not made obvious by the combination of Lin and Blackerby.

B. Claim 4

Claim 4 depends from claim 1 and thus recites the oblong base of claim 1. Neither Lin, Blackerby, nor Morrison disclose an oblong base. Like Lin, Morrison discloses a circular base, but, as discussed above for claim 1, a circular base cannot make an oblong base obvious because, by definition, a circle is not elongated in any direction. Because Lin, Blackerby, and Morrison do not disclose or make obvious all the elements of claim 4, the combination of Lin, Blackerby, and Morrison cannot make claim 4 obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

C. New Claims

Applicants have added new claims 9-16.

New claims 9-12 depend from allowed independent claim 5 and incorporate additional limitations. Thus, Applicants submit that new claims 9-12 are allowable.

New claims 13-16 depend from independent claim 1 and incorporate additional limitations.



New claim 13 recites a pair of elongated parallel opposite side surfaces. Parallel opposite side surfaces are not disclosed by either Lin, Blackerby, or Morrison. Further, these references do not suggest modifying the side surfaces of a circular base to create parallel opposite side surfaces. New claim 13 thus recites elements that are not disclosed or suggested by either Lin, Blackerby, or Morrison and is, therefore, not made obvious by any combination of Lin, Blackerby, and Morrison.

New claim 14 depends from new claim 13 and states that the oblong base has arcuate end surfaces connecting the parallel opposite side surfaces. Neither Lin, Blackerby, nor Morrison disclose arcuate end surfaces or parallel opposite side surfaces that could be connected by arcuate end surfaces. Further, these references neither suggest modifying the circular side surfaces of their bases nor connecting parallel opposite surfaces with arcuate end surfaces. New claim 14 thus recites elements that are not disclosed or suggested in Lin, Blackerby, or Morrison and is, therefore, not made obvious by any combination of Lin, Blackerby, and Morrison.

New claims 15 and 16 depend from independent claim 1 and incorporate additional limitations that differentiate the invention further from the prior art.

For the reasons just discussed and the reasons discussed above for claim 1, Applicants submit that new claims 13-16 are allowable.

D. Specification & Drawings

Minor changes are made to the specification and drawings. Enclosed in Appendix A is a new formal drawing page including a reference number 43 for the axis line shown in Fig. 5. A corresponding amendment is made to the specification. Applicants respectfully request entry and approval of the amended specification and drawings.

F. Conclusions

Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment places the application in condition for allowance and allowance is requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if a telephone call would help resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX A

Amended Drawings